

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A listing of the claims presented in this patent application appears below. This listing replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in this patent application.

Claim 1-23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (currently amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:
a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets;
an operator interface which selectively sets a size of sheets with respect to at least one of said plurality of trays;
a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged destination;
[[and]]
an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet of a size set by the operator interface with respect to the selected tray; and
an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, tray selection information and size information, and a controller which invalidates the size information in the print data and makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet of the size set by the operator interface with respect to the selected tray based on the tray selection information.

Claim 25 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the size of sheets is capable of being set with respect to the each of the plurality of trays.

Claim 26 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

Claim 27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, further comprises an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, tray selection information and size information, and a controller which makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet of the size based on the size information in the print data if size information with respect to a selected tray based on the tray selection information is not set by the operator interface.

Claim 29 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus which discharges printed sheets with respect to each of a plurality of destinations, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores layout information of printed sheets, said layout information being capable of being stored with respect to each of the plurality of destinations and indicating an output format of the printed sheets;

an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet;

an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, destination information and layout information; and

a controller which invalidates the layout information in the print data and makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet based on the layout information stored in the memory with respect to a destination which is designated by the destination information in the print data.

Claim 30 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the layout information stored in the memory is set by an operator interface on the image forming apparatus.

Claim 31 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the image forming apparatus has a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets, said each of the plurality of trays being corresponded to one of the destinations.

Claim 32 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, further comprises a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged tray.

Claim 33 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

Claim 34 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the image forming apparatus is a printer and the external device is a computer connected to the printer.

Claim 35 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the layout information is at least one of N-in-1 processing, double-side printing, paper size setting, margin setting, stapling, perforation, folding, sorting, water marking, printing of serial numbers, impression of printing time, enlargement or contraction.

Claim 36 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus which discharges printed sheets with respect to each of a plurality of destinations, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores layout information of printed sheets, said layout information being capable of being stored with respect to each of the plurality of destinations and indicating an output format of the printed sheets;

an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet;

an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, destination information and layout information; and

a controller which makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet based on the layout information in the print data if the memory has no layout information with respect to a destination which is designated by the destination information in the print data.

Claim 37 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the layout information stored in the memory is set by an operator interface on the image forming apparatus.

Claim 38 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the image forming apparatus has a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets, said each of the plurality of trays being corresponded to one of the destinations.

Claim 39 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 38, further comprises a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged tray.

Claim 40 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

Claim 41 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the image forming apparatus is a printer and the external device is a computer connected to the printer.

Claim 42 (previously presented): An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the layout information is at least one of N-in-1 processing, double-side printing, paper size setting, margin setting, stapling, perforation, folding, sorting, water marking, printing of serial numbers, impression of printing time, enlargement or contraction.